Upgradation of SEZs into EPZs and EPIPs

1875. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones which are in operation since the launching of the SEZ scheme;

(b) whether many SEZs now operational were upgraded to Export Processing Zones and also Export Promotion Industrial Parks; and

(c) the status of the flagship projects under the SEZ scheme namely Nanguneri (Tamil Nadu) and Positra (Gujarat)?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Eight Export Processing Zones (EPZs) located at Kandla and Surat (Gujarat), Santa Cruz (Maharashtra), Cochin (Kerala), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Falta (West Bengal) and Noida (U.P.), converted into Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are at present functional.

(c) SEZ projects at Naguneri and Positra are under implementation.

Incentives to various industries in NER

1876. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal incentives granted to various industries in the NER with duration, nature and target group entitled for such incentives;

(b) the objectives, date of commencement, present status and date of expiry of transport subsidy as per latest guidelines;

(c) whether the circumstances of allowing such incentives at commencement are different from now;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, in what way Government propose to make the industries viable in those remote areas?